

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1409

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COLD STORAGE FACILITY

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Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Government has formulated any scheme to enhance food processing and cold storage capacity in the country ;
- (b) If so, the details thereof ;
- (c) The total losses incurred due to the poor storage facilities in the country during each of the last three years; and
- (d) The funds allocated for improvement of storage facilities during each of the last three years, State-wise ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAI)

(a) to (d): The Ministry of Food Processing Industries, under its different plan schemes provides financial assistance in the form of grant in aid to various implementing agencies, for the overall development of Food Processing Industry. The Ministry provides financial assistance in the form of grant in aid up to 25% of the cost of plant & machinery and technical civil works subject to a maximum of Rs.50 lakhs in general areas and up to 33.33% in difficult areas subject to a maximum of Rs.75 lakhs in difficult areas for Technology upgradation/Establishment/ Modernization of Food Processing Industries. Assistance upto 25% of the cost of plant & machinery and technical civil works in general areas and 33.33% in difficult areas with a common ceiling of Rs. 75 lakhs in admissible for Cold Storage for non-horticulture produce and special type of cold storage with controlled atmosphere/modified atmosphere facility to all implementing agencies. Besides Cold storages which are an integral part of processing units or part of common facilities in Food Parks are also assisted. The Ministry does not set up projects on its own and assistance is considered under plan schemes on the basis of viable proposals received . A statement showing details of financial assistance approved by the Ministry for stand alone Cold Storages, state-wise during the last three years is annexed. According to the Vision 2015 report prepared by Rabo India Finance Pvt. Ltd, wastage of the agricultural food items is estimated to be of the order of 22% in case of Fruits & Vegetables and about 10% in case grains, occurring at various stages of handling after harvesting due to lack of adequate post harvest infrastructure, lack of cold chain facilities, transportation, proper storage etc.

Statement referred to in the reply to part (a) to (d) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1409 for 30.11.2006 showing financial assistance approved by Ministry of Food Processing Industries, state-wise, under the scheme component – Integrated Cold Chain Facilities, during last three years (2003-04, 2004-05 & 2005-06).

Sl No. State Year-wise financial assistance
approved during last three
years (2003-05, 2004-05 & 2005-
06 (Rs. in Lakhs)

1. Andhra Pradesh 6.78

2. Delhi 75.00

3. Goa 16.542

4. Gujarat 44.20

5. Haryana 28.69

6. Maharashtra 99.926

7 Uttar Pradesh 9.055

8. West Bengal 35.81
Total 316.003